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# Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anthony D Stashick

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Anthony D Stashick.

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(2) John Forcier.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 06 February 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 21.

Identification of prior art discussed:

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Forcier inquired about the examiner's reading of claims 1 and 2 with respect to "spanning substantially an entire forefoot (rearfoot) area of the sole". Mr. Forcier proposed making changes to the preamble of the claims to define the forefoot/rearfoot area of the sole of the article of footwear referred to in the claims. Anthony said that this would constitute new issues since the limitation of the size or area of the sole previously was to an area of the forefoot or rearfoot and not to any defined area, thereby allowing the area in question to be only a part of a forefoot or rearfoot area of the sole and not the whole forefoot or rearfoot area of the sole. No specific language was agreed to.